THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has issued guidelines on 30.04.2005, for upgradation of Kutcha Roads to Pucca Roads. The guidelines provide for upgradation of roads constructed in forest areas prior to 1980 from 'Kutcha to Pucca' to the extent that these roads are not blacktopped/ tarred. If during the process of upgradation these roads are required to be black topped tarred, prior environmental clearance shall be necessary. This permission is subject to a number of conditions to ensure protection and conservation of forests and local ecology. The conditions, *inter-alia*, stipulate that no tree felling shall be permitted, no widening of road shall be undertaken, no breaking of fresh forest land shall be carried out and no crushing/breaking of stones shall take place inside the forest areas.

(c) and (d) No fresh guidelines have been issued regarding upgradation of roads in protected areas. It has been clarified in the guidelines dated 30.04.2005 that for upgradation of roads falling in protected areas like National Parks/Sanctuaries, prior permission of National Boards of Wild Life and the Supreme Court shall be taken by the State/UT Government.

Coastal Zone Management Plan

553. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal for sanction of the "Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) for Mumbai and Navi Mumbai.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the sanction would be given so that Government of Maharashtra starts this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has approved the Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) of Greater Mumbai in January 2000. However since the Coastal Zone Management Plan for Navi Mumbai was not in conformity with the provisions of the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991, it has not been approved.